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Letter: Keep line away from Canadian Breaks

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I want to join hundreds of people who have already responded in Docket 37138, opposing the routing of CREZ transmission lines through the fragile watershed of the Canadian River.

This "preferred route" threatens a long stretch of the watershed.

The size of the Canadian watershed and the native grassland preserved on it far exceed that of the headwaters area of the Red River. Do we really want to endanger that unique life sanctuary and the numerous historic and prehistoric archeological sites within it?

Not only is the preferred route the worst choice where the fragile environmental and profound historical heritage of the Canadian River are concerned, the judge's recommendation gives short shrift to the fact that the route itself is significantly longer and costlier to build than the routes recommended by the Public Utility Commission staff and Sharyland's environmental consultants.

Unique, treasured Panhandle legacies are threatened by virtue of the unnecessary length alone - 50 percent longer than the routes recommended by the professionals.

The commission remains the only arbiter empowered to sustain reason and avert needless destruction in the rugged Canadian River Breaks.

May reason prevail.

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